



# 325th Forward Support Battalion

VOL 2 - 04

Weekly News Bulletin

7 May 2004



## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I want to again express my thanks for the support you are providing for your Soldier. I was completely impressed by all the "care packages" I saw coming in -- I can tell you a package from home can do a great deal to boost the morale of a Soldier.

1LT Bouchillon, SSG Crawford and their drivers are running the transportation system along with the MCT and A/DACG. They are literally receiving and moving tons of supplies and hundreds of people daily. They also drive troops in support of operations and deliver things to remote firebases.

SGT Betts, SGT White, SGT Sandoval, CPL Cotto and others are receiving fuel trucks from Pakistan daily. We pump thousands of gallons daily to keep things flying and moving. The fuel guys also deliver to remote firebases. They are doing great.

It is awe inspiring to watch your Soldiers perform -- this morning I went on a vehicle recovery mission with the Bravo Company "RoughRiders" -- these guys are ready! They have transformed a piece of desert with some shacks and tents into a first rate maintenance facility....you would be very proud of what they have accomplished.

What the Charlie Med is doing along with a reserve Combat Support Hospital (provisionally also the 325) is wonderful. They are saving lives every day. They are going out on missions with SOF and conventional forces -- treating villages and supporting deliberate raids. We receive MEDEVACs daily and we also treat the local nationals and the Afghan National Army...sometimes even children. It is very busy but they are doing God's work.

I have recently visited a school in Kandahar City. I have already met the principal. We will partner with these folks to ensure that there is hope and understanding for these children. As Abraham Lincoln said, "The philosophy of the schoolhouse in one generation will be the philosophy of the government in the next." We want to make a lasting difference and touching the children of Afghanistan with the love and compassion of America is our best means to achieve our goals.

I could go on and on about all the good things our Soldiers are doing but there is not time to list it all. Bronco Support, Lightning Support, Tropic Lightning!

- LTC Robert G. Young



Mrs. Ruth Hall



Awardees post!



Mrs. Ruth Hall receiving award



Bronco Support!



On a mission

## SPECIAL THANKS

Congratulations to Mrs. Ruth Hall in Hawaii and her husband here with our Cold Steel Company! Mrs. Ruth Hall was presented with a volunteer award for her outstanding contributions to the local community and to the Soldiers and their families at Schofield Barracks.

This award was presented by distinguished leaders of the family community at Schofield Barracks to include Mrs. Vikki Olsen, the Commanding General's wife.

SSG and Mrs. Hall, thank you both for all you have done for our troops and their families.



# 325th Forward Support Battalion

VOL 2 - 04

Weekly News Bulletin

7 May 2004



## HQ&A COMPANY

Greetings - I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits and health.

I'm extremely proud of all of the hard work the Henchmen Family has done over the past month. The cleanliness and overall appearance of all unit living/work areas has exponentially improved over the past couple of weeks. Always remember to think and practice safety in everything we do. Let's not get complacent, but remain focused on the mission at hand and build on the outstanding momentum that you guys have engendered. Continue to take care of yourselves and always take time out to let your families know how you're doing.

J. Ryan Moses  
CPT, QM  
Commanding



## **Wagonmaster Pride!**



At the fuel point



HQ&A in Qalat



On mission

## 1SG's Corner

Aloha from the sand!

Soldiers are adapting well. Continue to send packages and letters. We'll continue to encourage our soldiers to call you as well.

Jaime Barraza  
1SG, USA  
Company First Sergeant



Soldiers from the supply platoon



Fuel support



The Crew





# 325th Forward Support Battalion

VOL 2 - 04

Weekly News Bulletin

7 May 2004



## BRAVO COMPANY

Aloha and Happy Mother's Day! After a long and exhausting trip, with stops in Minnesota, Germany, Turkey and Kyrgyzstan, we arrived in Kandahar in the middle of April. We were greeted by sandstorms and mud-rain. The "Winds of 120 Days" are in full season and it's regularly exceeding 100 degrees. However, don't feel bad for us. We have air conditioned tents, beds, a PX and all the great food we can eat. Those quality of life comforts will make this next year much more bearable.

Our work has begun to pick up pace, with lots of maintenance to be done and missions to other locations in Afghanistan. Many of us have already left the comfort of the airfield to conduct maintenance and interact with the Afghani people. Every Rough Rider that has left the airfield has gained a greater appreciation for the Afghani culture and people and especially what it means to be an American Soldier. Our year should be very rewarding and will ultimately change all of us for the better.

We've had several significant events this past month. SGT Robinson and PFC Bragg were promoted; SSGs Adams and Hendricks re-enlisted; and SGT Siatuu-Tyrell gave birth to a son named Joshua. We added almost 30 new Rough Riders from the Main



## **Roughriders!**



SGT Peterson at the front gate



Mission Brief



SPC Nerseth and PV2 Seever



SSG Hirayama at Orgun E



B Co Ready to Go!

Support Battalion and other maintenance units. And we all earned a new ribbon or two for our uniforms ☺

Our next newsletter will have more input from the rest of the Rough Riders and hopefully include input from family members as well. If any family member would like to send a note to add to our next newsletter, please send it to me via email to: (woodworthd@kaf.afgn.army.mil)

Mahalo for your support,

CPT Don Woodworth  
1SG John Gory



# 325th Forward Support Battalion



VOL 2 - 04

Weekly News Bulletin

7 May 2004

## CHARLIE COMPANY

Friends, family and members of the Cold Steel Team- greetings and Aloha from Kandahar.

It has been a challenging and exciting month, as the Company deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and took over operation of the PFC Jerrod Dennis Combat Hospital here at Kandahar Airfield. The transition from Charlie Company of 10<sup>th</sup> FSB went smoothly thanks to knowledgeable professionals from both teams. A heartfelt 'thank you', and good luck to them in their future endeavors.

The Soldiers of Cold Steel have been extremely busy- learning the nuances of our new mission and providing world-class health support to a multitude of patients. I am extremely proud of the effort put forth by all in our new operating environment. Everyone has adapted to seeing the numerous types of patients and ensuring their welfare. The operation of this 'hospital' would not be possible, however, without the help of our new friends of the 325<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital Detachment, a Reserve unit out of Missouri. Their surgical capability and other skills have already resulted in numerous lives being saved in our short time here. We look forward to a great partnership with them, as well as the whipping we will give them in the upcoming volleyball challenge.



**Cold Steel!**



Saving lives



At the clinic



CMAx Mission



Surgery anyone?

Congratulations to newly promoted 1LT Kellie Knight. We look forward to many more Soldiers being promoted in the coming months.

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the FRG 'care packages' that are going to be built at the next meeting. Thanks to the FRG for their efforts and all that they do- we appreciate your support.

Keep the letters and emails flowing, and we will do the same. Until next month.....

CPT Ryan Eckmeier  
1SG Ella LaLone



This is Crazy!